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The reply brief filed April 25, 2002 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. Examiner has amended the Examiner's Answer to correct a typographical error such that the double patenting rejection to claims 17-32 is under US Pat. No. 5,592,560 instead of 5,529,560.

Examiner wishes to appear and present an oral argument to the Board.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Steve Gravini whose telephone number is (703) 308-7570 and electronic transmission / e-mail address is "steve.gravini@uspto.gov". Examiner can normally be contacted Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **If applicant chooses to send information by e-mail, please be aware that confidentiality of the electronically transmitted message cannot be assured.** Please see MPEP 502.02. Information may be sent to the Office by facsimile transmission. The Official Fax Numbers for TC-2100 are:

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